

A request that the service be made available to individual members to permit farmers in agricultural sections of the State to join was rejected, a spokesman for the group reported.

Dr. C. Kelly Canelo, San Jose, and Manager Thomas J. O'Dwyer, Los Angeles, were reelected C. P. S. trustees. The interim appointment to the board of Dr. Dewey Powell, Stockton, was approved.

The resignations of Dr. Lowell Goin, Los Angeles, and Dr. Earl Mitchell, Oakland, were accepted. Dr. Morton R. Gibbons Sr., San Francisco, was elected to the board, and the board's membership was increased from nine to eleven.

Dr. Edward H. Rynearson of the Mayo Clinic told delegates to the Association today that people who say, "I get fat even if I don't eat a thing," are taking liberties with the truth.

"The cold, hard fact is that the only source of fat is food," the Mayo physician said. "It is true that individuals are preordained to follow a certain type of bodily architecture. But even the fattest person can reduce safely if the amount of calories is properly restricted under supervision of a competent physician."

Doctor Rynearson said there was no "safe short cut" in reducing. "Much serious damage can be done by the indiscriminate following of 'fad' diets. Even greater damage results from attempts to lose weight from the unwise use of drugs and hormones."

Moderation in eating was urged by the physician, who said insurance statistics agreed that obese individuals die younger and are much more subject to disease than persons whose weight is normal.—*Modesto Bee and News-Herald*, May 8.

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Remove Mystery Air, Urges L. A. Doctor

The medical profession in California would come out from behind the screen of mystery which hides it from the layman's view if a resolution proposed yesterday by Dr. Paul A. Quaintance, Los Angeles, is adopted.

Doctor Quaintance at the Coronado convention proposed that "the Association countenance submission by members for publication articles on medical topics written in language designed for instructing the people." He urged that county medical societies create public relations committees to review and approve such articles.

He pointed out that "adequately subsidized minorities are utilizing press and radio to spread propaganda tending to impair the confidence of the public in the medical profession and to foster demands for radical changes in the system of medical practice. Organized medicine, he said, has not utilized sufficiently the means available for public health education."—*San Diego Union*, May 8.

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State Medical Group Sanctions "Hospital Care for All" Plans

Task Delegated to California Physicians' Service Through Its Health Insurance Program

Coronado, May 9 (AP).—A program designed ultimately to assure adequate medical and hospital care for everyone received the sanction of the California Medical Association, which adjourned its sixty-ninth annual meeting today.

The Association delegated the task to the California Physicians' Service through the latter's eight-months-old prepayment health insurance plan.

Heading the list of C. P. S. extensions authorized is a proposal to make the service available on a clinical basis to the estimated 350,000 persons dependent on state relief. The undertaking would require a legislative appropriation, and probably will be presented to the special legislative session next week.

Aid for Students

Also approved is a plan to extend the service to college and junior college students, subject to agreement by the county medical societies in which the institutions are located.

Indicating further liberalization of the plan, the Association named a committee to formulate plans to effect a downward rate revision to make the health and hospital service to the low-income group receiving \$100 or less a month.

The plan, now subscribed to by 12,000 persons, is available to groups of five or more having annual individual incomes of not more than \$3,000. Alson Kilgore, San Francisco, C. P. S. secretary, urging the revision, said the \$2.50-a-month charge is prohibitive to the low-income group.

Proposal Tabled

Pending further growth of the C. P. S., the Association tabled a proposal to extend the service to individuals, a suggestion offered to permit participation particularly by farmers in the San Joaquin Valley and other agricultural sections.

Although the drive against any compulsory medical plan will be waged chiefly through the C. P. S., the Association authorized action through other avenues to bolster the profession's hold on the management of the economic factors of medicine.

The Association referred to its Council for study a resolution of John H. Shephard, San Jose, to provide a comprehensive subsidization for any patient who chooses to go to a private hospital. . . .—*Los Angeles Times*, May 10.

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Fight on "Political" Medical Service Urged

Coronado, May 6 (AP).—Dr. W. H. Bueermann of Portland, Ore., urged the medical profession itself to answer demands of "pressure groups" for "politicalized medicine" which he said would be administered by an "unsympathetic and nonmedical bureaucracy."

Speaking before the opening convention session of the California Medical Association, the Portland physician gave an account of seven years of operation of the Multnomah Medical Service Bureau of Portland, which he heads.

Doctor Bueermann said there had been increasing evidence the last ten years that provision should be made for medical care of low-wage industrial workers on a voluntary payment basis.

"The medical profession has decreed that the solution must be met through its own leadership, and that the medical care of the worker can best be solved by developing feasible plans of voluntary health insurance which meet the existing needs."

Doctor Bueermann's address brought out the similarity of conduct of the Portland bureau with the California Physicians' Service, which was organized last year for persons in low income brackets. The maximum limit for patient membership in Portland is \$1,800, differing from the California set-up in which the upper limit is \$3,000.

During its operation, Doctor Bueermann said, the bureau had received annual income increases from \$4,157 in 1933 to an estimated \$333,227 in 1940. Fees to physicians for the same period range from \$146,000 to \$185,000, the latter estimated for this year.—*Long Beach Press-Telegram*, May 6.

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LETTERS

Subject: Guest Speaker Rynearson's Opinion of the Coronado Annual Session.

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MAYO CLINIC

Rochester, Minnesota,

May 27, 1940.

Dr. George H. Kress
Secretary, California Medical Association
450 Sutter, San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Kress:

. . . I just want to send you this personal note to congratulate you, as the secretary, for the splendid job which you did. I have attended quite a few state meetings and I have never in my life seen anything to compare with the splendid arrangements which you had perfected at Coronado.

Mrs. Rynearson joins me in thanking you for your many acts of kindness.

Very truly yours,

E. H. RYNEARSON, M. D.

Subject: Reaction of the Public to the Graduating Class of the University of Southern California Medical School.

(COPY)

Los Angeles, June 13, 1940.

Dear Doctor Kress:

At the Commencement Exercises of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, there was a surprising occurrence in which I thought you might have an interest.